

**Town of Arlington
Transportation Advisory Committee**

Minutes of 1/9/08, 7:15 to 10:00 PM, Town Hall Annex 2nd Floor Conference Room

Minutes submitted by Laura Wiener

Members and Associates Present: Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Jean Clark, Lieut. Paul Conroy, Sue Doctrow, John Lentz, Jeff Maxtutis, Mike Rademacher, Scott Smith, Ed Starr, Laura Wiener. Thompson School parent Angela Alton was present for part of the meeting.

1. Administration.
 - 12/11/07 minutes approved unanimously.
 - Correspondence and current projects were reviewed. Signal work at Pleasant and Irving is complete.
2. Schools.
 - a. Multi-Year Plan. Working with “Stand for Children”, Barbara Goodman, School Committee, and Selectmen for endorsement of Plan.
 - i. Vote: TAC voted unanimously to submit the Multiyear Plan to the School Committee and the Board of Selectmen.
 - ii.
 - b. School Committee has scheduled a meeting for 1/22 to discuss Safe Routes to Schools. Ed has or will meet with the Superintendent and Ron Spangler. Ed will attend and present the multiyear plan.
 - c. Thompson. Scott met with Principal Sheri Donovan and parent Angela Alton. Thompson does not have a designated School Zone. Lack of sidewalks and curbs is an issue. Plan is to bring some recommendations to the next meeting.
 - d. Stratton. Jeff, Ed and Paul will meet next week with Lenore Wadman and Principal Alan Brown. Survey results will be discussed.
 - e. Dallin. Jack Hurd has made contact with main abutter on George Street on donating private land for a sidewalk. Mike will attend meeting when scheduled.
 - f. Peirce—Elisabeth has attempted an initial contact with the Safe Routes to Schools Coordinator.
 - g. Bishop—Mike Rademacher has attempted to set up meetings with the principal unsuccessfully. STAND has identified interested parents that Mike will contact.
3. Appleton One Way Recommendation. Request by resident to explore making Appleton Place one way, eastbound. No clear solution has emerged. Elisabeth will conduct turning counts at Appleton Place and Burton Street. Changing parking restrictions may be the least disruptive solution, and may have the most support. Will be taken up again next month. Mike will talk with abutters.
4. TDM Grant, Parmenter School. Proposal due Jan. 11. Draft distributed, budget discussed. Sue and Jeff will offer assistance.
5. Bikeway Plowing. Have spent \$1600 of \$2500 in the budget. There have been 3 plowings plus one sanding. Bicycle usage is low, but pedestrian usage is high.
6. MBTA Arlington Heights bus turnaround. Roughly 30,000 square foot site owned by MBTA, used for bus storage, turnaround, small building with comfort station for drivers. MBTA is open to proposals for private use or Town use, as long as they can still use for buses and drivers. Ideas include use and improvement by Panera, or public parking, or transportation oriented development.
7. Westminster Phase 2 Update. Phase 2 work is scheduled for this year, Phase 3 is less certain. Sue and Brenda Kokubo have petitioned Lexington neighbors, who are interested in working with the Town, and support changes. Current proposal is for traffic calming measures on Westminster Avenue both west and east of Westmoreland and on Lowell

- Street near the Res. Will bring recommendations to Working Group, and written recommendations to next meeting.
8. Downing Square. Contract for design with BSC Group is signed. Six weeks to review options, determine feasibility, get construction cost estimates. Meet with TAC Working Group to understand preferred options, and then plan a public meeting.
 9. Green Line Extension Meetings/Action. Laura attended second Advisory Committee Meeting in Somerville. State is planning meetings to discuss station locations. Route 16/Mystic Valley Pkwy at Boston Ave. proposed location meeting is Feb. 6. Need to get some interested people to attend meeting. Decisions on defining which possible station locations will probably take place in March. BoS sent a letter asking for seat on the Advisory Committee and Arlington public information meeting. Laura will send meeting notice to members for dissemination in community.
 10. Warrant Articles. Laura reported that ARB is submitting articles on sustainable development and allowing off site parking. Ed has submitted article to retain existing TAC funding.
 11. Mass. Ave. Corridor. Brian Sullivan, Kevin O'Brien and Laura will be meeting with Federal Highway (FHWA) on 1/10 to clarify how we can secure funding so that we can get started.
 12. DPW projects. Forest Street reconstruction scheduled for next year. Issues related to sidewalks and lack of parking. Public meeting will be planned. Elisabeth and others volunteered to work with DPW.
 13. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Handouts:

Ed's Meeting Package: Agenda, 1/9/08; Active/Planned TAC Projects and Working Groups, dated 1/9/08; Project Status, 12/11/07; Status of Outstanding Actions, 1/9/08; "Conceptual Multi-Year Plan to Improve School Transportation Safety" dated 1/8/08; "Rollout Plan for Multi-Year School Transportation Safety, Joint with STAND", 1/8/08; "Article xx. Appropriation/Transportation Advisory Committee"; "Arlington Redevelopment Board Draft Warrant Articles, 1/4/08; Town of Arlington Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes of Meeting of 12/11/07. TAC Westminster/Mt. Gilboa Project Update, 9 January 2008. Thompson Pedestrian Safety Recommendations, January 9, 2008. Green Line Extension Meeting Announcements